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Drop Zone Gaming Machine With Varying Symbol Scoring Zones and Automatic Bias Prevention	

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This is responsive to the paper dated May 16, 2005. A request is hereby made that the examiner withdraw the pre-mature Final Rejection. The specification has been amended to specifically add the priority claim. Arguments are explained herein that appropriately show that obviousness-type double patenting rejections should be withdrawn. A Request for Continued Examination is filed, in-part to, if necessary, continue examination and in-part due to the filing of a Petition to Accept Unintentionally Delayed Benefit Claim. Approval of this application is respectfully requested.